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1. Nationalist air attacks are of great concern to the Chinese Communists because of their increasing effectiveness. Also Nationalist agents are proving much smarter, more tenacious and more loyal than the Communists had previously judged likely. The Communists believe that the agents were to a large extent responsible for the devastating Nationalist bombings during March.
2. Since the Communist know that the Nationalists are no longer getting appreciable U.S. support, they feel that the increased effectiveness of the enemy is a sign of increasing popular support of its agents, which indicates a distaste for Communist rule, an increasing determination to thwart controls, and an increasing ability to do so. As a countermeasure the Communists are tightening up domestic travel and individual documentation control measures in a desperate effort to catch Nationalist agents.

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